

## 2021 Moran Constitutional Relay EVENT INFO

Welcome to the Moran Constitutional Relay – pandemic style! We hope the information in this packet will answer many of the questions that you and other runners may have, but we've surely overlooked something, so if you have questions, please ask. Please read this information carefully to help ensure that you and your teammates have a fun and successful event.

### **SCHEDULE:**

Friday, October 1

3:00–10:30 PM – Check-in (all team members and volunteers)

Saturday, October 2

6:00–8:00 AM – Breakfast (included with entry)

6:45–7:15 AM – First leg check-in

7:13 AM – Sunrise

7:30 AM – Start

2:00 PM – First finishers expected

5:30–8:30 PM – Post-race meal

6:00 PM – Raffle (live if weather permits)

6:30 PM – Last finishers expected

6:47 PM – Sunset

Sunday, October 3

6:00–8:00 AM – Breakfast (included with entry)

7:00–7:20 AM – 9<sup>th</sup> leg check-in

7:14 AM - Sunrise

7:30 – Start

12:00 PM – First finishers expected

12:00–4:00 PM – Post-race meal (included with entry)

3:30 PM – Last finishers expected

## IMPORTANT EVENT SCHEDULE INFO:

We have posted the event schedule on the website but we want to reiterate that all teams start on leg #1 at 7:30am on Saturday at the ELC, however faster- or slower-moving teams may start in an earlier or later wave on Sunday. Most or all teams will likely start in the main wave at 7:30am, and we will notify your team after the finish on Saturday if you are starting in the early wave or third wave on Sunday.

## COURSE MARKING SYSTEM INFO:

We hope you and your teammates are ready to be WOWED by the trails at Moran State Park! The routes for many of the legs overlap, so we created unique direction arrow signs for each leg, so that you'll know which route to follow. Each leg has one of six different colors, a unique number (1-12), and a unique animal silhouette. We will post examples, so that you know what the signs look like.

At junctions with multiple signs, be sure to take the time to look for the sign for your route and make sure you follow its direction arrow. At some junctions, where all legs passing the junction go the same way, we have used our usual yellow-orange signs with black arrows. If you see these yellow signs, then follow them. If you don't, but you see signs for your leg, then follow those.

In addition to signs at most junctions, we will mark the route with orange and white confidence streamers and with pin flags (30-inch-long steel wires with 5-inch by 8-inch plastic flags). Both of these markings will be used more intensively around junctions, but they will also appear at least every quarter mile throughout the course to let you know you are on the right track. ***Note: This is a different way of using pin flags than at most of our other runs (where they act as a turn signal), so please note that they are NOT used only as a turn signal at this event.***

If you get to a junction and don't see any indication of which way to turn, then it means either that you are off course or that the markings were vandalized. While this is unlikely, there is always a small chance that some course markings could be disrupted by people, animals, or the wind. Consequently, we highly encourage each runner to look carefully at the legs they are running. You can click a link to view the map for each leg of the course on the website in the "Course Description" section.

## **PARKING & EXCHANGE AREAS:**

**There is a separate map showing the parking and exchange areas, as well as the opening and cutoff times at each exchange area.** Regarding the cutoff times: Teams that are early will be held, and teams that are late will be early started (before the incoming runner arrives). Final times will be adjusted for any waiting time or early starts.

There is also a sheet of driving and parking directions for the exchange areas, as well as a few signs on the roads to help guide you. The signs could get run over, rotated by the wind, or taken, so please be prepared to navigate your vehicle to the exchange points.

When you arrive at each exchange point, please park as directed by the staff there.

**Little Summit Exchange has very limited parking, so be prepared to drop off your next runner, and if you are able to park, please keep your time at Little Summit to a minimum.**

## **COVID-19 SAFETY MEASURES**

Part of our duty as event organizers is to plan carefully for safety, and that includes COVID-19 safety. We appreciate the trust you place in us by coming to our events, and we ask that we be able to trust you to take part in the simple measures we're employing for COVID-19 safety. Thank you!

Here are some specific considerations for this event:

The closest and most prolonged exposure to others that many runners are likely to have during this event is in the car going from one exchange point to another. None of these trips are very long, but we still recommend you wear masks and roll your windows down to ventilate the car and thus minimize exposure to one another's breath, in case anyone on your team is asymptotically contagious.

At the exchanges for legs 1 and 2 on Saturday at Mountain Lake Landing, we ask that team members who are not involved in the exchange wait in or near their cars or otherwise away from the exchange point. This is because the exchange area is narrow, and the kind of gathering that has happened at this busy exchange point in past years would create needless COVID risk this year. It may still be

possible to watch the exchange at a distance; we just don't want a crowd of people forming right by the handoff zone.

If any of the other exchange points become crowded, then we ask team members who are not involved in the exchange to also keep their distance (i.e., spread out along the course some distance away, or otherwise watch from a distance) rather than crowding the handoff area.

### **PROCEDURES FOR START, EXCHANGE, & FINISH:**

**Electronic chip timing system:** We will be using SportIdent electronic timing to capture lap times for each team. At check-in, your team will be issued a small timing chip that is worn on a finger. Please do not lose this chip, as it will be used to record your team's leg times. Also, we will ask you to pay the replacement cost of the chip (around \$40-60) if you lose it.

This chip will serve as your team's baton, passing from runner to runner as you go around the course. At each exchange point, the runner that is finishing the leg will first put the chip into a hole in a timing unit at the signed exchange point location, holding the chip in the hole until a beep or flashing light confirms that the punch-in was registered. At this point, the incoming runner hands the chip over to the outgoing runner, who puts it onto her finger and embarks on her leg. If the same runner is running consecutive legs, that runner should still punch in at each exchange point before continuing onto the next leg.

Once a team crosses the finish line each day, the finishing runner on the team should punch in at the finish timing unit, located just after the finish line. Then the timing chip should be taken to be downloaded inside the lodge, where the team will be given a printout showing the running time for each leg.

**Running order and checking in:** We will again this year ask each team to fill out a form at check-in that indicates which team member will run each leg. This record of your team's intention is intended to make managing the exchanges easier for our staff, and you are free to change the order during the race if your team wants. In order to allow for this flexibility, it is essential that runners check in with start line or exchange area staff before starting their leg. At the exchange areas, please allow enough time to do this before your incoming runner tags off to you.

Outgoing runners should also allow enough time to note which way they are leaving the exchange area at the start of their leg.

At check-in on Friday, each runner will be given a bib number (bibs will include each runner's name on them). If a runner does not check in at the start or at an exchange point before starting a leg, their team may be penalized or disqualified, at the organizers' discretion. Please wear the bib number so that it is visible as you approach exchange points and the finish.

### **TRAIL HAZARDS:**

The course has miles of beautiful trails but it also has several sections that require runners' attention. Here are a few key things to pay attention to: There are several bridge crossings that could be slick if it rains; there could be downed trees depending on recent weather and trail clearing activity; there could be loose branches hanging over the trail that could fall; there are steep and sometimes rocky terrain sections that could be muddy and slick; and there are a few areas where there are drop-offs near the trails. There could also be other park users out there, including hikers, bikers, and horseback riders. Horses have the right-of-way, so please step off the trail and let the horse pass if you encounter one. It also helps to talk with the rider. Not only does this help put the horse at ease, but the rider may tell you that their horse is very calm and that it is okay to walk or run past. We highly encourage running sans music, with music at a low volume, or with just one ear bud in, so that you can hear what is going on around you.

### **RACE RULES:**

Please review the race rules (also listed on the website).

1. Each team will be allowed two vehicles to transport team members to exchange zones on course, and passes will be provided at check in that will identify these vehicles.
2. Follow the instructions of race staff. They are there to help everyone have a safe and fun event.
3. Each runner on a team must complete at least two legs for the team to have an official finish. In the case of injury, the injured runner may be withdrawn and another runner from the team may continue the leg abandoned by the injured runner where she or he left off. A withdrawn runner may not run again during the event. For teams with runners who do not complete two legs, you will still be given an official time, but will not be ranked among the teams.

4. It is up to the team which runner runs each leg, however all runners must check in with start or exchange zone race staff before they are tagged off by their runner and start on the next leg.
5. Teams that are at risk of being overtime may be asked by race staff to start later legs of the course before the preceding runner reaches the exchange zone. If this is done, the team's rank will nonetheless be based on the sum of the running times of the team members.
6. Teams that are progressing around the course faster than anticipated may be asked by race staff to delay starting a subsequent leg in order to wait until an exchange zone opens. If this is done, the team will receive time credit for any time waiting to start at an exchange zone.
7. All members of each team must check in at the race on Friday, October 1.
8. Any additions to a team roster must be made at the latest by the time check in closes on Friday.
9. Course routes for each leg will be well marked, and it is the responsibility of each runner to be familiar with their route and the course markings and to stay on course.
10. Sunday start waves will be determined according to elapsed time on Saturday, with the fastest teams possibly starting in the 8:30am wave (if needed), most or all teams starting in the 7:30am wave, and slower teams possibly starting in the 6:30am wave (if needed). Wave divisions will be determined by race staff, and teams will be notified of their start wave at the finish on Saturday. *\*Please note that no teams have ever been fast enough or slow enough to require a different start wave on Sunday, so we expect that all teams will start at 7:30am.*
11. Runners on the course during hours of darkness must carry and use a headlamp or flashlight.
12. Safety is our first concern, so if you see an injured runner, please stop and help them. Race staff may award bonus time to compensate for such circumstances. Check in when you finish running each leg, even if you are injured and don't complete it.
13. At the exchange areas, always park as directed and so as not to block any road or trail.

### **SERVICES IN EASTSOUND:**

The grocery store in Eastsound is open every day, 7am-9pm. The gas station and convenience store at the junction of Crescent Beach Drive and Olga Road is open Monday-Saturday 6am-11pm; Sunday 6am-10pm

# Exchange Point Driving Directions

## **ELC Lodge (Check-in, Start, Finish):**

From the park entrance:

1. Go southeast along Olga Road, passing Cascade Lake on your right
2. Keep left to stay on Olga Road at a junction with a fork to the right
3. About 0.2 miles after that junction, turn right just before the "Camp Moran" sign
4. Park in the ELC Lodge lot only to pick up or drop off people. For longer term parking, park as directed in one of the nearby areas within 400m of the Lodge.

From Mountain Lake, Little Summit, or Mt. Constitution (main summit):

1. From Little Summit or Mt. Constitution, go south and down Mt. Constitution Road to the junction with the access road to Mountain Lake
2. Continue west and downhill on Olga Road
3. After nearly 1.1 miles, make a soft right/straight at the stop sign onto Olga Road
4. After a little over 0.1 miles, turn left just after the small gravel/dirt parking lot along the road

## **Mountain Lake (Exchanges 1-2, 2-3, 5-6, 7-8, 11-12):**

From the ELC (start/finish):

1. Turn right onto Olga Road
2. At the fork after a little over 0.1 miles, make a soft left turn onto Mt. Constitution Road
3. At the fork after a little under 1.1 miles, make a soft right turn onto the Mtn. Lake access road
4. After 0.2 miles, park as directed
5. The exchange point is located where the road turns from pavement to gravel

From Little Summit (Exchange 4-5):

1. Turn left to go down the hill on Mt. Constitution Road
2. After driving 2 miles down Mt. Constitution Road, make a sharp left onto the Mtn. Lake access road
3. After 0.2 miles, park as directed
4. The exchange point is located where the road turns from pavement to gravel

## **Cascade Lake (Exchanges 3-4, 9-10):**

From the ELC (start/finish):

1. Turn left onto Olga Road and go a little over 0.8 miles
2. Just after the beach area at Cascade Lake, park as directed or in an available space, preferably on the right side of the road
3. The exchange point is at a picnic shelter on the north (uphill) side of the road

### **Little Summit (Exchange 4-5):**

From Mountain Lake (Exchanges 1-2, 2-3, 5-6, 11-12):

1. Go south 0.2 miles along the access road
2. At the road junction, turn sharply right (uphill) onto Mt. Constitution Road
3. After 2 miles and several switchbacks, the road will level out, and you will see the Little Summit Trailhead on your right
4. Park as directed, if possible, but parking may fill, so be prepared to drop off your runner and park elsewhere
5. The exchange point is a 0.1 mile walk up the trail (keeping right at the junction)

From Park Entrance Arch (Exchange 3-4):

1. Turn right (east) onto Olga Road, and pass Cascade Lake on your right
2. After about 1.4 miles (and just after passing the ELC), make a soft left turn onto Mt. Constitution Rd.
3. At the fork after a little under 1.1 miles, make a soft left turn (uphill) to continue on Mt. Constitution Road
4. After 2 miles and several switchbacks, the road will level out, and you will see the Little Summit Trailhead on your right
5. Park as directed, if possible, but parking may fill, so be prepared to drop off your runner and park elsewhere
6. The exchange point is a 0.1 mile walk up the trail (keeping right at the junction)

### **Mt. Constitution (Exchanges 6-7, 10-11):**

From Mountain Lake (Exchanges 1-2, 2-3, 5-6, 11-12):

1. Go south 0.2 miles along the access road
2. At the road junction, turn sharply right (uphill) onto Mt. Constitution Road
3. After 2 miles and several switchbacks, the road will level out, and you will see the Little Summit Trailhead on your right
4. Continue along the road for an additional 1.7 miles, and park as directed
5. The exchange point is a 0.1 mile walk up the trail to the summit of the mountain, near the observation tower

From Little Summit (Exchange 4-5):

1. Go north along the road for 1.7 miles, and park as directed
2. The exchange point is a 0.1 mile walk up the trail to the summit of the mountain, near the observation tower.



## MENU

### **Always offered at HQ (Friday afternoon - Sunday afternoon)**

Hot drinks – Coffee, Tea, Hot cocoa, Apple cider

Water

Electrolyte (Gnarly Hydrate)

Assortment of chips, energy bars, snacks

Cup ramen noodles

Instant Vietnamese Pho noodles (vegan)

Instant oatmeal

### **Saturday & Sunday Breakfast (served 6:00am-8:00am)**

Bagels, Croissants, Sliced bread (regular & GF) with assortment of spreads

Ham, Cheese

Assortment of cereals

Yogurt

Oatmeal (GF/DF)

Boiled eggs

Fruits

Milk, Almond milk, Lemonade, Orange juice

### **Saturday Dinner (served 5:30pm-8:30pm)**

Roasted broccoli (vegan/GF/DF)

Salad (vegan/GF/DF)

Shepherd's pie – meat (GF) and vegan (GF/DF) options

Pizzas

### **Sunday Post Race (served 12:00pm-4:00pm)**

Chili (vegan) with assortment of toppings (GF/DF available)

Hawaiian bread rolls

Tortilla chips (GF/DF)

Assortment of vegetables (vegan/GF/DF)

Menu items are subject to change. We are not gluten-free / vegan kitchen.

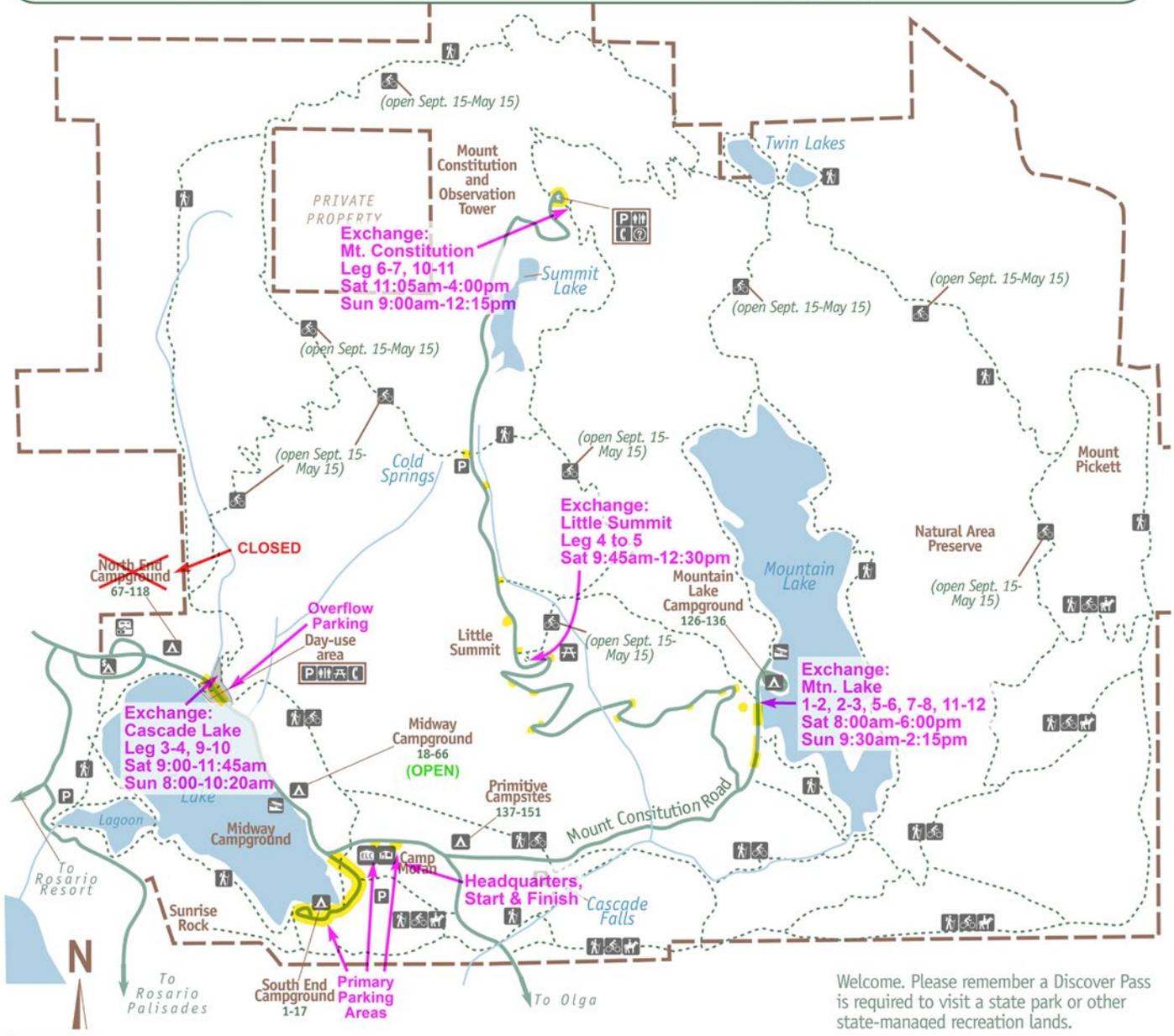
To help reduce waste, we encourage you to bring your own coffee mug, as well as a re-usable water cup.

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**MORAN**  
*Constitutional*  
**RELAY**

# MAP OF PARKING AND EXCHANGE AREAS

Hiking	Vacation House	Camping registration	Park office	Parking	Trailer dump	Food service
Picnic area	Camping	Environmental Learning Center	Group camp	Restrooms	Information	Boat launch
Telephone	Bicycle area	Boat rental	Equestrian area	Park boundary	Metal detecting area	

Users of metal detectors must complete an application and register with park staff before metal detecting.



Welcome. Please remember a Discover Pass is required to visit a state park or other state-managed recreation lands.